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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the June Sweet Cherry Survey. Sweet cherry production is reported for Idaho, selected states, and the U.S.

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Sincerely,

Vince Matthews
Director

Idaho Sweet Cherry Production Forecasted at 1,500 Tons

Idaho is expecting a sweet cherry crop of 1,500 tons in 2010, down 75 percent from last year's record high and 21 percent lower than 2008. Idaho experienced freezing weather during pre-bloom that damaged this year's crop. Producers are expecting a light crop.

United States sweet cherry production is forecast at 315,400 tons, down 27 percent from 2009. The Washington crop forecast of 160,000 tons is down 35 percent from 2009. The crop has fallen behind on maturity due to cool, wet weather this spring. Production in California is forecast at 90,000 tons, 15 percent higher than the 2009 production. Spring weather generated occasional rain and cool temperatures during the critical development of the crop. A strong bloom occurred in March.

Oregon production is forecast at 45,000 tons, down 33 percent from 2009. Cold, wet weather conditions hindered bloom, pollination, and growth. The Michigan crop is forecast at 17,000 tons, 41 percent below the 2009 production. A wind freeze in early April killed buds on trees on high sites that are generally less susceptible to frost damage. New York production is forecast at 1,100 tons, 11 percent below the 2009 crop. The majority of sweet cherries had a big bloom and the crop looked good. Only a few growers reported frost damage this year. Utah production is expected to total 800 tons, down significantly from 2009. A late frost, cold wet spring, and tree fatigue from last year's extra heavy crop negatively impacted production, which is about half of last year's level.

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**Sweet Cherries: Total Production by State and United States,
2008 – 2009 and Forecasted 2010**

State	2008	2009	2010
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
California ¹	86,000	78,000	90,000
Idaho	1,900	6,000	1,500
Michigan	26,500	28,700	17,000
Montana ²	1,560	2,390	
New York	1,050	1,240	1,100
Oregon ¹	31,000	67,000	45,000
Utah	50	1,540	800
Washington ¹	100,000	245,000	160,000
United States	248,060	429,870	315,400

¹ Forecast carried forward from "Crop Production" released June 10, 2010.

² The first estimate for 2010 sweet cherries in MT will be published in the January 2011 *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2010 Preliminary Summary*.

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